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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AN OFFICE ACTION
(Paper No. 4) MAILED JANUARY 29, 2002

Responsive to an Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed January 29, 2002, please
amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claim 4.

1. (Amended) A connector comprising:

a conductive contacting portion having a contact point formed at its one end to be
brought into contact with a mating object in a first direction at a predetermined position;

a spring portion supporting the contacting portion so that the contacting point is
elastically movable in the first direction and a second direction perpendicular to the first
direction;

displacement maintaining means for maintaining the contact point in a specific
condition such that the contact point is offset from the predetermined position in the
second direction;

said displacement maintaining means releasing the specific condition when the
contacting portion is moved in a direction opposite to the first direction;

the contacting portion being inclined in a direction intersecting with the first direction
at an acute angle when the specific condition is maintained, and

the contacting portion being kept in substantially another direction parallel to the
first direction under a restoring force of the spring portion acting in the second direction

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CASE: 200380-0313) Group Art Unit: 2839
SERIAL NO. 09/880,608) AMENDMENT
FILED ON: June 13, 2001) RESPONSIVE TO AN
FOR: Connector Excellent in Reliability of Contact) OFFICE ACTION (Paper
No. 4) MAILED JANUARY
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